

STATUS OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A contact lens, comprising at least one surface comprising a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone ~~of a diameter of about 10 to about 13 mm~~ comprising color throughout the translucent color zone and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting essentially of a second translucent color layer, an opaque color layer, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the one or more additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.
2. (Original) The lens of claim 1, wherein color zones of the base layer and additional color layers cover greater than about 85 percent of the area of an iris.
3. (Previously amended) The lens of claim 1, wherein the color zones of the base layer and the additional color layers cover greater than about 90 percent of the area of an iris.
4. (Original) The lens of claim 2, wherein the color zone of the base layer covers about 85 to about 99 percent of the area of the iris and the color zones of the one or more additional color layers cover about 40 to about 70 percent of the area of the iris.
5. (Original) The lens of claim 3, wherein the color zone of the base layer covers about 85 to about 99 percent of the area of the iris and the color zones of the one or more additional color layers cover about 40 to about 70 percent of the area of the iris.
6. Previously canceled.
7. Previously canceled.
8. (Previously amended) The lens of claim 2, wherein the color zone of at least one of the one or more additional color layers is of a uniform color.

9. Previously Canceled.
10. (Currently amended) The lens of claim 1 or 33, comprising the base color layer and two opaque color layers.
11. (Currently amended) The lens of claim 1, wherein the base layer color zone ~~of at least one of the one or more additional color layers~~ is of a radially gradient color.
12. Previously canceled.
13. Previously canceled.
14. (Previously amended) The lens of claim 11, wherein the color zone of at least one of the one or more additional color layers further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.
15. The lens of claim 1, further comprising a clear pre-polymer layer.
16. (Previously amended) The lens of claim 1, wherein the lens comprises aquafilcon, etafilcon, genfilcon or lenefilcon.
17. (Previously amended) The lens of claim 1, 8, or 11, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more second translucent color layers each having a color zone of uniform color.

18. (Original) The lens of claim 17, wherein the color zones of the one or more second translucent color layers further comprise clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

19. (Previously amended) The lens of claim 1, 8, or 11, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more second translucent color layers each having a color zone that is of a radially gradient color.

20. (Original) The lens of claim 19, wherein the color zone of the one or more second translucent layers further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

21. (Previously amended) The lens of claim 1, 8, or 11, wherein the additional color layers comprises one or more opaque color layers each having a color zone that is of a uniform color.

22. (Original) The lens of claim 21, wherein the color zones of the one or more opaque color layers further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

23. (Previously amended) The lens of claim 1, 8, or 11, wherein the additional color layers comprise one or more opaque color layers each having a color zone that is of a radially gradient color.

24. (Original) The lens of claim 23, wherein the one or more opaque layer color zone further comprises clear or colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes, and combinations thereof.

25. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a tinted contact lens, comprising the step of: depositing onto a surface of a lens a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone comprising color throughout ~~of a diameter of about 10 to about 13 mm~~ and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting of a second translucent color zone, an opaque color layer, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the one or more additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.

26. (Previously amended) A method for manufacturing a tinted contact lens, comprising the steps of: depositing onto a molding surface of a lens mold a base layer having a clear central zone and a translucent color zone comprising color throughout the translucent color zone ~~of a diameter of about 10 to about 13 mm~~ and one or more additional color layers selected from the group consisting of a second translucent color layer, an opaque color layer, or a combination thereof, wherein each of the additional color layers has a clear central zone and a color zone.

27. The method of claims 25 or 26, wherein the color zones of the color layers of the lens cover greater than about 85 percent of the area of an iris.

28. The method of claims 25 or 26, wherein the color zones of the color layers of the lens cover greater than about 90 percent of the area of an iris.

29. The lens of claim 27, wherein the color zone of the base layer covers about 85 to about 99 percent of the area of the iris and the color zones of the additional color layers cover about 40 to about 70 percent of the area of the iris.

30. The lens of claim 28, wherein the color zone of the base layer covers about 85 to about 99 percent of the area of the iris and the total coverage imparted by the color zones of the additional color layers is about 40 to about 70 percent of the area of the iris.

31. (Previously amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the base layer is deposited onto the molding surface before any of the other color layers are deposited.
32. (Original) The method of claims 26 or 31, wherein deposition is carried out by pad printing.
33. (Reinstated-previously claim 6). The lens of claim 1, wherein the base layer color zone is of uniform color.
34. (New) The lens of claim 8, wherein the base layer color zone further comprises colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes and combinations thereof.
35. (New) The lens of claim 11, wherein the base layer color zone further comprises colored shapes selected from the group consisting of circles, ovals, triangles, lines, striae, feather-like shapes and combinations thereof.
36. (Reinstated-previously claim 13) The lens of claim 2, wherein the base color zone is of a radially gradient color

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on September 26, 2003 included an incomplete copy of EP 357062. Applicant hereby submits a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 with a complete copy of EP 357062 attached.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 through 5, 8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25 through 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on United States Patent No. 5,120,121 to Rawlings. Applicants' claimed invention has a base layer that has a translucent color zone having color throughout. The cited patent neither teaches nor discloses the use of such a base layer. In view of that, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection based on the Rawlings patent.